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APPARATUS FOR A RECORDING MEDIUM**

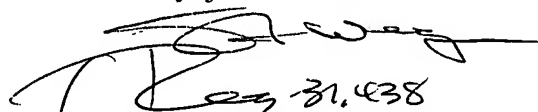
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Sir:

Applicants hereby confirm the right of priority that was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 7, 2003 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, based upon Japanese Application No. 2002-326492, filed November 11, 2002 and Application No. 2002-328054, filed November 12, 2002. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, certified copies of the Japanese applications were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 7, 2003.

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